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The subject matter of this application appears to:

☒ be "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2182 (Department of Energy (DOE)).

☐ "have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)).

Accordingly, no patent can issue on this application unless applicant(s) file a statement (under oath or in the form of a declaration as provided by 37 CFR 1.68) setting forth (1) the full facts concerning the circumstances under which the invention was made and conceived and (2) the relationship (if any) of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract or other arrangement with the Agency(ies) noted above. On the reverse side of this form is an example of an acceptable format for this statement. The language appearing in paragraphs III and/or IV of the example *must* appear if applicant is attempting to establish that no relationship (under item 2 above) exists.

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Application of: Gerrit Klaerner et al.
Serial No.: 10/043,394
Filed: January 10, 2002
Confirmation No.: 4664

Art Unit 1645

For: POLYMER BRUSHES FOR IMMOBILIZING MOLECULES TO A
SURFACE OR SUBSTRATE HAVING IMPROVED STABILITY

Attention: Office of Licensing and Review

June 12, 2002

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

SIR:

In response to the Notice dated April 29, 2002 from the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the determination that the subject matter of this application is "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear materials or atomic energy."

As noted in the present application (see, e.g., page 1, lines 9-24 and the Abstract), the invention is directed to a polymer brush which is particularly well suited for use as a sensor, wherein probes for biological molecules are attached to water-soluble or water-dispersible segments of polymer chains attached to a substrate surface. Sensors of this type are used, for example, to analyze aqueous samples that contain biological material, in order to determine the presence and concentration of bio-molecules in a biological sample. The present invention is further directed to methods of synthesizing such sensors.

Accordingly, the present invention is within the same field as, for example,
U.S. Patent Numbers:

5,424,186 (Fodor et al.);
5,445,934 (Fodor et al.);
5,744,305 (Fodor et al.);

5,436,327 (Southern et al.);
5,624,711 (Sundberg et al.);
5,837,832 (Chee et al.);

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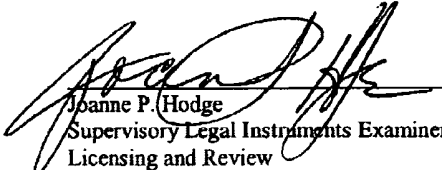
DECISION ON
REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION

Filed: January 10, 2002

For: **POLYMER BRUSHES FOR IMMOBILIZING MOLECULES TO A
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This is a decision on the REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION filed June 12, 2002,
responding to the communication (FORM PTOL-456) mailed April 29, 2002.

The request has been **GRANTED**. No further action regarding this matter is required


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